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SUBJECT: GB DISCUSSION OF CIEC: ENERGY R&D COOPERATION

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1. REFTEL CONTAINS LANTZKE LETTER TO U.S. MISSION OECD PARIS DESCRIBING GB REQUEST TO CERD TO "EXAMINE LIST OF TOPICS IN ITS COOPERATIVE PROGRAM...TO DETERMINE AREAS OF INTEREST FOR COOPERATION WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES."

MATERIAL WOULD BE USED IN GB DISCUSSION OF R&D ELEMENTS TO BE INCLUDED IN OVERALL COOPERATIVE PROGRAM.

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2. WE FEEL SECRETARIAT RESPONSE NOW BEING CIRCULATED
REPRESENTS GOOD BEGINNING FOR EXPLORATION OF THIS TOPIC.
IT IS OUR VIEW, HOWEVER, THAT IMPORTANCE AND POTENTIAL
BENEFITS GROWING OUT OF SUCH COOPERATION CALLS FOR MORE
EXHAUSTIVE EXAMINATION OF BOTH EXISTING AND POSSIBLE FUTURE
ACTIVITIES. WE THEREFORE INTEND ON OCCASION OF SEPT 14
CERD MEETING TO SEEK BROADER STUDY EMPHASIZING POSSIBLE
FUTURE WORK IN ADAPTING EXISTING TECHNOLOGY AND DEVELOPING
NEW TECHNOLOGY USEFUL TO LDC'S. THE REPORT WE WOULD PROPOSE
COMING OUT OF THE CERD WILL NOT HAVE A POLICY ORIENTATION
OR OPTIONS FOR HOW LDC COOPERATION COULD BE STRUCTURED

OR FINANCED. THE STUDY WOULD PROVIDE THE TECHNICAL
SUBSTANCE AROUND WHICH THE GOVERNING BOARD OR ITS
MANDATED SUBGROUP COULD BUILD A COOPERATIVE INITIATIVE.

3. WE SEE IT AS DESIRABLE TO HAVE SUCH EFFORT LED BY
SWEDEN DRAWING ON ASSISTANCE FROM CERD TECHNICAL WORKING
GROUP CHAIRMEN AND OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES WISHING TO HELP.
STUDY REPORT WOULD NEED TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE
NOVEMBER 16 MEETING OF CERD FOR ITS APPROVAL WITH REVIEW
OF DRAFT BY MEMBER COUNTRIES BY NOVEMBER 1. IT WOULD
THEN BE TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNING BOARD.

4. MISSION SHOULD CONTACT LANTZKE TO DESCRIBE U.S.
PROPOSAL AND, IF HE APPROVES, REQUEST THAT HE INFORMALLY
APPROACH SWEDES TO OBTAIN THEIR AGREEMENT TO ASSUME
RESPONSIBILITY FOR PREPARING REPORT. IF REACTION IS
FAVORABLE, THE SWEDES THEMSELVES MAY WISH TO INTRODUCE
PROPOSAL AT CERD. IF THE SWEDES DECLINE, LANTZKE MAY
WISH TO RAISE PROPOSAL WITH SWISS. IF NEITHER
COUNTRY WISHES TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR STUDY, WE WILL
PROPOSE IN CERD ESTABLISHMENT OF AD HOC WORKING GROUP
FOR THIS PURPOSE.

5. MISSION SHOULD PROPOSE LANTZKE SOUNDINGS BE CARRIED
OUT AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE SINCE WE WILL NEED TO NOTIFY
SCHMIDT-KUESTER OF OUR INTENTIONS BEFORE CERD MEETING. KISSINGER

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